GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HOME AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

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ANTI NATIONAL ACTIVITIES ON INDIAN ISLANDS
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Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether smuggling of arms and anti-India activities are going on in some Indian Islands;

(b) if so, the reaction of the Government thereto;

(c) the number of such cases reported during the last three years, Island-wise; and

(d) the action taken by the Government to check smuggling and anti-Indian activities there?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (CH. VIDYASAGAR RAO)

(a) to (c): No, Sir. No such case was reported from Andaman & Nicobar Islands and Lakshadweep during the last three years except the one in which a group of foreign nationals was apprehended near Land Fall Islands in the Andaman & Nicobar Group of Islands on 10/11th February, 1998 and a sizeable quantity of arms and ammunition was seized from them.

(d): The steps taken in this regard include regular surveillance over the sea around the Island territories by Naval and Coast Guard ships and aircrafts; strengthening of Police Marine Force of Andaman & Nicobar Islands; and holding of State Level Security Coordination meetings every month to review the measures taken to deal with matters relating to internal security.